

Stewart/Hunter Lifestyle

Tree lighting illuminates holidays

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Nearly a thousand people discovered the Hinesville tree lighting ceremony, Dec. 1 in Bradwell Park. It was more than throwing a switch to kick off their Christmas holidays.

Supported by community partners like the Liberty County Chamber of Commerce, Hinesville Arts Council, and local schools, among others, the event featured photos with Santa, ornament and cookie decorating, caroling, a nativity scene, a holiday bounce house, and the Christmas tree lighting.

Both Bradwell Institute and Liberty County High School helped get attendees in the spirit of the season, while students from First Presbyterian Christian Academy helped set the mood with a portrayal of the manger scene from the birth of Christ, while reading from the Bible.

Among the guests in attendance were Liberty County Chamber of Commerce Chairman, Kimberly Thomas; Liberty

County Councilman and Chairman for Liberty County Board of Commissioners John McIver; and Hinesville Mayor Pro Tem Charles Frasier who thanked those for attending the annual Christmas in the Park and Christmas tree lighting.

Colonel Terry Ferrell, 3rd Infantry Division Chief of Staff and his wife Robin were guests of honor at the event. Ferrell thanked the community members on behalf of the 3rd ID Commander, Maj. Gen. Cucolo, Soldiers and Families of the 3rd ID.

He said it was a privilege to be a member of the community that does such wonderful things in taking care of Soldiers and their Families. He noted most of the Soldiers were home and looked forward to the rest returning soon.

Warm sentiments about the return of the Soldiers were shared at the event many times and helped add to the spirit of community as attendees gathered around the Christmas tree, observed the lighting, and sang Silent Night by candlelight.



Photos by Pat Young

Christopher, 3, son of Staff Sgt. Christopher and Jessica Inman, visits with Santa, Dec. 1 at Christmas in the Park in downtown Hinesville's Bradwell Park.



Left: Students from the First Presbyterian Christian Academy assisted at Christmas in the Park, Dec. 1 by depicting the manger scene. Performers included Debi Meadow, 17; Bri Correa, 17; Jacob Edgar, 18; Sunny Patel, 17; Valerie Simpson, 18; Haley Mehalko, 17; Anthony Gallob, 17; Logan McCorkle, 17, and Cory Young, 16..

Post 5th graders graduate DARE

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More than 200 Fort Stewart fifth graders received graduation certificates during a D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony held at Club Stewart, Dec. 5.

Parents, Family and friends watched as their children received certificates that represented the student's completion of a program designed to help them resist drugs, alcohol and the peer pressure.

"In this course, we give the students the information on how to avoid, and they have the task of using it," said Spc. Brandy Miller, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison.

During the ceremony, guest speaker Michael Cohen, an Olympic weight lifter, spoke to students of the importance of staying drug free and choosing good influences.

Making decisions and hanging around the right people keep you on the right track, Cohen said.

"Don't let the people that are the losers pull you down; you want to reach up; you don't want to reach down," Cohen said. "The idea of D.A.R.E. is always striving to be best that you can be and to not let anything or anyone get in the way."

The Drug Abuse Resistance Education program, more commonly known as D.A.R.E., is a nation-wide program that originated in 1983 to help students learn how to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs and violence.

The program is currently being implemented in more than 75 percent of school districts in the United States and in more than 54 countries from around the world.

"I want them to take confidence away from the course," said Miller, Brittin school resource officer. "I want them to have confidence in being able to do what they want in life, not what someone says."

Fifth-grade students from Brittin, Diamond and Kessler elementary schools learned in the 13-week program of the harmful affects of alcohol, drugs, peer pressure and bullying.

KiArinika Queen, a fifth grader at Brittin Elementary, said that the D.A.R.E. program helped show her right and wrong.

"It also taught me a lot of stuff about tobacco use," Queen said. "If someone offers me drugs, I just say no."

At the end of the program, students were asked to write an essay based on what they learned during their time in D.A.R.E.

After the students completed their essays, each school chose a winning essay.

Essay winners are Austin Millisor of Kessler Elementary, Nikolas Cormier of Diamond



Spc. Amanda McBride

Students shake hands after receiving a D.A.R.E. graduation certificate, Dec. 5. The 13-week program helps students learn how to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs and violence.

Elementary, and Cali Banknell of Brittin Elementary. Essay winners each had the opportunity to read their essays during the graduation ceremony.

Kessler student wins DARE essay contest

Many of you are familiar with the Drug Awareness Resistance Education program taught in our area schools. One of the program's requirements is that each student write an essay in order to graduate.

Essays are judged by teachers, D.A.R.E. officers and Fort Stewart Police Department personnel. One overall winner is selected from each school and they are awarded a prize.

The overall winners are Cali Banknell from Brittin Elementary, Nickolas Cormier from Diamond Elementary, and Austin Millisor from Kessler Elementary. The following essay is written by Millisor.

Austin Millisor
Kessler Elementary School

I enjoyed being part of D.A.R.E. this year. This year I pledged to be drug

free!

In the D.A.R.E. Program, I have learned many things.

I learned that making the right choices is very important. Also, abusing drugs can ruin your Family, your health, your spirit, and can even put you in jail.

Now I will discuss some things I've learned in D.A.R.E.

All of my life, I have watched my mom struggle with the addiction of nicotine.

Nicotine is a very addictive and a poisonous drug. Smoking cigarettes is the number one cause of heart disease.

Over 400,000 people die every year from smoking. That's enough people to

fill two super bowl stadiums.

Marijuana is also a very addictive drug.

Marijuana users have increased risk of cancer. People who smoke marijuana have a better chance of receiving upper respiratory problems.

In addition, marijuana causes short term memory loss and the inability to concentrate.

I have seen many people struggle with the addiction of marijuana even though it is illegal in the United States.

Next, alcohol has destroyed many Families.

Alcohol is illegal for anyone under the age of 21. Furthermore, it

is very dangerous to mix medicines with drugs or alcohol.

Did you know that one bottle of beer has as much alcohol as a glass of wine? The good news is that most teenagers don't drink alcohol.

As you can tell, I have learned many things through the D.A.R.E. Program about drugs and alcohol.

Lastly, everyday you have to make choices. Some choices are hard and some are easy. There are may negative consequences for abusing drugs and alcohol.

I will continue to stay drug free since I know the consequences and the consequences are negative when it comes to drug abuse.

I pledge to be drug free. I pledge never to drink alcohol or use any type of drugs.

My mother smoked for 25 years, and we shouldn't do the same.



Austin Millisor

MWR Briefs

Join ping-pong tournament

Put your ping pong skills to the test in this single-elimination tournament. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers.

The registration deadline is Friday and play will begin at 5:30 p.m., Dec. 17 at Tominac Fitness Center, building 919. There is no charge to compete and play is open to active-duty military, Family Members, retirees and Department of Defense Civilians. For details and registration, call 315-2019 or e-mail *eli.wilson1@us.army.mil*.

Shop at Hilton Head for Christmas

The registration deadline is Monday, so there's still time to sign up for this daylong shopping trip. The trip will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 19. Participants will depart early morning from Stewart and Hunter Leisure Activities Center for Tanger I and II Outlet Centers on Hilton Head Island, S.C. The cost is \$10 for bus transportation. Corner Stone Grill lunch will be at each person's expense. For more information, call 767-2841 at Fort Stewart or 315-3674 at Hunter Army Airfield.

Take a holiday festival hayride

Enjoy the season's festivities with the ones you love from 6-9 p.m., Dec. 19 at the Corkan Family Recreation Area.

The evening will include Santa, caroling, season's lights, hot chocolate, cookies and more. Cost is \$5 per Family. All Corkan facilities will be open and operating at discount prices to extend the holiday spirit to its valued customers. For more information, call 767-6708.

The hayride visits Hunter from 6-9 p.m., Dec. 19. The ride will begin at the Hunter Credit Union parking lot, across from the post exchange. There will be caroling, season's lights, outdoor movies, marshmallow roast, hot chocolate, popcorn, warm fire and more. Cost is \$5 per Family. Register in advance at

Equipment Checkout Center, building 8454 or the Pass and Permit Office, building 1279. For more information, call 315-9554/5163.

Visit Jacksonville Zoo

The registration deadline is Dec. 19 for a trip the following day, Dec. 20, to Jacksonville, Fla. The trip departs early from Stewart and Hunter Leisure Activities Centers for Jacksonville.

Enjoy milk and cookies with Santa. Visit the Jacksonville Zoo and enjoy the gardens special event that includes crafts, animal encounters, cookie decorating, holiday music and more.

Get your holiday shopping done at gift shops there. The trip cost \$15 for adults and \$6 for children, ages 3-12. The costs includes admission and transportation. For details, call 767-2841 (Stewart) or 315-3674 (Hunter).

Take a Christmas shopping trip

The Keystone Club of the Child, Youth and School Services will host a shopping mall trip to Jacksonville, Fla., 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Dec. 20. The registration deadline is Dec. 18. The group will depart Stewart's Youth Center, building 7338 for Jacksonville. Transportation provided, but bring extra money for food and shopping expenses. Open to all Youth Center members. For more information and registration, call 767-4491.

Enjoy moonlight blue-pin bowling

Come on out and try your luck at winning a free game from 6-11 p.m., Dec. 20 at Marne Lanes Bowling Center, building 402. If the blue pin comes down in the No. 1 position, notify a staff member, roll a strike and win a free game. Cost is \$2.50 per game/\$1.75 shoes. For more information, call 767-4866.

Look on the brighter side at Corkan

Corkan Family Fun Center, building 449, joins in the

celebration of National Look on the Brighter Side Day from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Dec. 21 with discounted laser tag games.

Come on out for some good, clean Family fun. The cost is \$2 per person.

For more information, call 767-9884.

Discounted golf fees offered

Discounts golf fees are offered to honor active-duty retirees Dec. 22-23 and Dec. 29-31. On those dates (all day) at Taylors Creek and Hunter Golf Courses, play all the golf you can for a \$22 greens fee that includes golf car rental.

For more information, call 767-2370 at Stewart or 315-9115 at Hunter.

CYSS youth ice skating trip slated

Here's an opportunity for youth to meet new friends and learn about the many resources available to them on Stewart and Hunter—and have fun ice skating too!

The youth sponsorship monthly tour, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Dec. 22, will depart Stewart and Hunter School Age Services centers for fun and skating at Savannah Civic Center. The trip is open to CYSS registered youth, but they must sign-up no later than Dec. 18. Cost is \$5 per person.

For more information, contact YESS/School Liaison office at 767-6533/4491 (Stewart) or 315-6586/6075 (Hunter).

Take a Wild Adventures trip

Join us for the festival of light celebration at Wild Adventures Theme Park in Valdosta. The registration deadline is Dec. 19. The group will depart early afternoon, Dec. 22 from Stewart and Hunter Leisure Activities Center. The cost is \$50 for adults and \$45 for children, ages 3-10. The cost includes admission and transportation. For details, call 767-284 at Stewart or 315-3674 at Hunter.

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HEALTH MATTERS

Winn Army Community Hospital

Take precautions to avoid the Flu

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A quick stick in the arm or a spray in the nose, or a week of headaches, coughing, sneezing, chicken soup and misery, while your unit works shorthanded - not that hard a choice to make.

Influenza is a contagious respiratory disease that can have serious, even fatal, effects. It threatens military readiness with the potential to put many service members on sick call instead of on duty. Therefore, all military members are required to be vaccinated against the flu each year.

"The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimated an average of 36,000 Americans died annually in the 1990s due to influenza-related complications. Each year 5 to 20 percent of the United States population gets the flu, resulting in about 200,000 people being hospitalized.

"Vaccination is your best protection against influenza infection," said Army Lt. Col. Patrick M. Garman, deputy director for scientific affairs at the Department of Defense Military Vaccine Agency.

Flu immunizations are mandatory for all active duty, National Guard and reserve personnel. The Department of Defense has established a goal of having 90 percent of these people vaccinated by Dec. 31.

Vaccinations also are mandatory for civilian health-care personnel who provide direct patient care in DoD medical treatment facilities, and for emergency-essential DoD civilian personnel.

Most people who receive influenza vaccine experience no serious problems. Side effects of the injectable vaccine such as soreness, redness or swelling at the injection site, fever, weakness, headache or muscle aches may last one or two days. More serious problems such as severe allergic reactions are rare.

Side effects of the intranasal vaccine can include runny nose, headache, fever, cough and sore throat.

People in a few categories, such as children under 6 months old, those with sensitivity to eggs or egg products, or those with a history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome, should not receive the influenza vaccine.

Winn Briefs

Get new student screenings

Children ages four and older entering Georgia's School system for the first time must have the Georgia Certificate of Eye, Ear and Dental Screening form and the Georgia Certificate of Immunization completed.

Dental screenings are available Monday to Thursday from 3 to 4 p.m. and Friday from 2 to 3 p.m. on a walk-in basis at Dental Clinic 1, Fort Stewart. For more information, call 767-8513.

Immunization screenings are available on a walk-in basis Monday,

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 to 11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Thursday.

For more information, call Winn's Allergy and Immunization Clinic at 435-6633. Please bring child's shot records.

Eye and ear services are available by appointment only. To schedule an eye and ear screening, call the appointment line, 435-6633. Sport physicals are by appointment only in the Family Practice and Pediatrics Clinics.

To schedule a sports physical, call 435-6633.

Make your medical appointments online

Lt. Col. Michael Beatty
Chief, Clinical Support Division

Winn Army Community Hospital, Tuttle Army Health Clinic and the Hawks Troop Medical Clinic want the Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield communities to know that 80 percent of all primary care appointments are now available for patients to book themselves via TRICARE Online.

Beneficiaries who register for the TRICARE Online program can go online and see what appointments are available. They can then select the

appointment they desire and book their own appointment from the comfort of their own home or from anywhere they have internet access.

This new business practice is an effort to improve the access beneficiaries have to their medical care system. The TRICARE Online Program is just one area in which the Army Medical Department is focusing in the push to make care more accessible.

Go to www.tricareonline.com/welcome.do to register and start booking your appointments online.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

November 25

• **John Timothy Huett Jr.**, a boy, 8 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. John Huett Sr. and Melissa Huett.

• **Robert Chase Streeper**, a boy, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Warrant Officer Robert Streeper and Wendy Streeper.

November 26

• **Darby Walter Hodges**, a boy, 9 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Pvt.

Thomas Walter Hodges and Julia Lorena Hodges.

• **Derrick Michael Knispel**, a boy, 8 pounds, 14 ounces, born to Pfc. Stacy Lyon Knispel.

November 27

• **Mya Kailey Bowen**, a girl, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Sgt. Michael Bowen and Sgt. Linda Lindo.

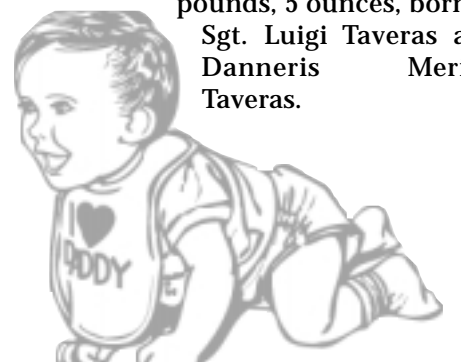
November 28

• **Michael Xavier Hameline**, a boy, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Spc. Jeffrey Michael Hameline and Christina R. Hameline.

• **Journey Celeste Washington**, a girl, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Anthony L. Washington and Angelita I. Washington.

November 29

• **Natalia Angeliz Taveras**, a girl, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Sgt. Luigi Taveras and Danneris Merino Taveras.





Army Community Service

Welcome to the Army Community Service Family Page. Our mission is to provide services to support readiness of Soldiers, their Families, and communities to promote self-reliance, resiliency, and stability. We offer training classes, support groups, and Family advocacy programs. Services are offered to active, retired, Reserve, and National Guard Soldiers and their Family Members, regardless of branch of service. Department of Defense Civilian employees are also eligible for most services, as are their Family Members. ACS is a member of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Family, proudly serving America's military. For information or to register for programs at Fort Stewart, please call 767-5058/5059. For information and registration at Hunter Army Airfield, please call 315-6816.

Learn to keep your cool

How does holiday stress affect you? Do you have difficulty maintaining your cool when you have the added stress of gifts to buy, menus to plan, travel to schedule? Take control of your emotions this holiday season and learn coping techniques and healthy outlets, along with community resources at the Stress and Anger Management workshop. Space is still available for the 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. workshop at Stewart tomorrow. Please call 767-5058/5059 to sign up.

New to the community?

Newcomers to Hunter Army Airfield are invited to join the windshield bus tour departing 9:30 a.m., Dec. 18 from ACS-Hunter. A windshield bus tour of Stewart and Hinesville departs at 1 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday from the Soldier Service Center, building 253. To register for bus tours, please call 315-6816 at Hunter or 767-5058 at Stewart and ask for relocation readiness.

Welcome event for new Families slated

New Soldiers and Family Members are invited to a special holiday welcome beginning 9 a.m., Dec. 18 at Stewart. Bring the children to enjoy cookies with Santa! Parents will receive a brief overview of the many services available to assist with your transition to the area, and an opportunity to meet other newcomers. To register, please call ACS Outreach at 767-9176.

Volunteer at Special Olympics

ACS is now recruiting volunteers to help at the 2008 Winter Special Olympics. The event will be held at Marne Lanes from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday and volunteers are needed as huggers, event officials, score sheet runners and, most importantly, the audience and cheering section. Pre-registration is requested in order to expedite volunteer in-processing that day. To register for this rewarding opportunity, please call 767-5058/5059.

Come to an investment workshop. Investing is easier than you think. Find out more at Basic Investing, a four-session seminar held Tuesday evenings 6-8 p.m. beginning Dec. 23 at Stewart. You'll learn about the different types of investment options, products, and languages. With just a little bit of money and a lot of knowledge, you can begin investing in your future. To reserve your seat at the

workshop, call ACS at 767-5058 or 767-5059.

Get control of your money

Take advantage of our in-depth financial workshop, First-Term Financial Training. The class is mandatory for E-4 and below, but is open to everyone who wants to improve their financial future. This full-day workshop teaches about credit use, managing a bank account, insurance, investments, financial planning for your future, basic car and home buying, bankruptcy and consumer fraud. First-terminer workshop is now offered at Stewart every weekday (except Wednesday) and at Hunter Dec. 16 At Stewart, Checkbook Management teaches you how to manage your checking account, avoid excess fees, and get control of your money, from 1 to 4 p.m., Dec. 17. Please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter to register for finance classes or to schedule an appointment for a personal counseling session. We are here to help.

Attend employment workshops

Your employment readiness team has put together a variety of workshops to help you succeed in your job search. Stewart offers Goal Setting, 1 - 2 p.m.; Career Planning 2 - 3 p.m.; and Resume Writing from 5 - 7 p.m., Dec. 15. Sign up for all three, or just those sessions that address your current employment concerns. We can help you succeed in finding the job you want. Hunter offers Resumix assistance, 1 - 3 p.m., Dec. 17. Designed for those seeking a job with the federal government, this class shares the insider's tips to entering your resume in the electronic resume system, searching jobs and maximizing your skills for the most impact. To register for employment readiness workshops or to request a personal employment counseling session, please call 767-5058, 767-5059 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter.

Learn about the Dogface Soldier

Wondering what "Rock of the Marne" means? Curious about the smiling bulldog, Rocky? Learn the history of the 3rd Infantry Division, the Dogface Soldier song, and much more at Dogface Soldier for Families, Dec. 17 at Stewart. This free class is offered through the Army Family Team Building program and is a popular one, so reserve your seat by calling 767-5058, or 767-5059. Call ACS at 767-5058 to register. Also ask about child care information.

Baby Bootcamp for Dads

Join other fathers and learn the skills you need to be a hands-on dad. A class just for men, Baby Bootcamp for Dads will help you build confidence in your ability to take care of your infant's needs. Challenge the stereotype as you network with other fathers, ask questions, and enhance your nurturing side. Call 767-5058/5059 to register for the Stewart class 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 18.

Support group for new parents

Come meet other moms and discuss the joys and concerns of parenting your new baby. A caring, knowledgeable professional from new parent support facilitates group discussions on a variety of topics determined by individual and group needs. At

Hunter, the group meets twice weekly at 2 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at ACS located on Neal Boulevard, building 1279. At Stewart, interested moms are asked to call 767-5058 and sign-up for the next parenting support group forming now. Your suggestions about meeting location, time, and topics are also welcome.

Music, toys and fun for little ones

Parents are invited with their children, newborn to 5-year olds, 10 a.m. each Tuesday and Thursday to spend time playing together. Led by an energetic and playful adult from our New Parent Support Program, the play mornings are designed for meeting, sharing, and playing with other military Families in a fun, upbeat atmosphere. Come on down and see what all the fun is about! Stewart's play group is held at the Bryan Village Youth Center and Hunter play group meets at New Gannem Community Center. Call 767-5058 at Stewart or 315-6816 at Hunter for directions or more information.

Meet other spouses

Hearts Apart is open to any spouse whose loved one is away. Come chat with others who are also experiencing their Soldier's absence. Hearts Apart meets at Stewart 11 a.m., Dec. 17 at the relocation office located in building 443. Foreign-Born Spouse Group offers the opportunity to network with members from various cultures, share resources, discuss the American way of life, and develop friendships. The group meets at ACS-Hunter 11 a.m., Dec. 15 and at Stewart 11:30 a.m. Dec., 17, also at the relocation office in building 443.

For information on spouse groups, call 315-6816 at Hunter or 767-5058/5059 at Stewart.

Need to talk?

The Military and Family Life Consultants are available to provide free and confidential support when you are having difficulty coping with issues related to daily life.

At Hunter, on-post appointments can be made by calling 704-9505. On-post appointments at Stewart can be made by calling either 492-6367, 492-6428, 432-1033, 536-7854, or 432-1798. If you prefer to meet with a counselor somewhere off-post, please call 432-0013 to schedule an appointment and request a location that is convenient for you.

Walk-in services are also available without appointment at these local community locations: Richmond Hill Library, 1 p.m. each Friday; Glennville Welcome Center, 1 p.m. each Thursday; Pembroke Senior Center, 2 p.m. each Monday, and Hinesville National Guard, 1 p.m. each Wednesday

Are your kids driving you crazy?

Join the Military Family Life Consultants for an informative discussion on how to better understand each child's abilities and how to best provide the rules, expectations, and discipline that will help your children become outstanding community members. Come to this free discussion at ACS-Stewart Family Readiness Center at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 17. For directions or information, please call 767-5058/5059 at Stewart.

Also ask about child care.

Enjoy MWR holiday activities for your half day schedule

Special to the Frontline

The Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation has scheduled a number of holiday activities for your half-day schedule. Here is a listing for Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield.

Stewart

Dec. 27

- Enjoy **Jingle Bell Blue-Pin Bowling** 6-10 p.m. at Marne Lanes Bowling Center, building 402. Bowl a strike when the blue pin drops in the head position and win a free game. Cost is \$1.75 per game for active-duty Soldiers. For more information, call 767-4866.
- It is **Hip Hop / R&B Night** from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. at Rocky's, building 703. Doors open at 5 p.m. There is no charge. For more information, call 767-8715.

Dec. 28

- A **hayride and hot dog roast** begins 4 p.m. at Holbrook Pond Recreation Area. Join Outdoor Recreation for an old fashioned hot dog and marshmallow roast, hayride, story telling and games. The cost is \$10 per Family. For more information, call 767-8205.
- Enjoy **Movie Night** from 5-9:30 p.m. at Rocky's, building 703. Enjoy

free movies and popcorn. For more information, call 767-8715.

Dec. 29

- Take the **3 on 3 speedball tournament** (Paintball) challenge from 1-5 p.m. at Newman Fitness Center, building 439. The Cost is \$5 per person. For more information, call 767-3031.
- A **Bocce ball tournament** begins 3 p.m. at Corkan Family Recreation Area. Enter the competition and you might become the first Bocce ball champion at Fort Stewart. There is no charge. For more information, call 767-6708.
- Join the **3 Person Sidewalk Art Competition** begins 11 a.m. at Corkan Family Recreation Area. Demonstrate your artistic ability by creating chalk art pictures with a Winter Wonderland theme. Judging at 4:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for most original and most unique drawings. There is no charge. For more information, call 767-6708.
- Enjoy **Monday Night Football / trivia** from 5 p.m. to midnight at Rocky's, building 703, free. For more information, call 767-8715.

Dec. 30

- **Dive In Movie** begins 6 p.m. at Newman Fitness Center Pool, build-

ing 439. Bring your raft and watch a Family movie while floating in the pool. There is no charge. For more information, call 767-3031.

Dec. 31

- **Celebrate the arrival of 2009** with a New Year's Eve Party at Rocky's, building 703. Doors open at 5 p.m. Celebration from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. There is no charge. For more information, call 767-8715.

Jan. 1, 2009

- **Watch the best of college football teams** battle it out at bowl games from 5 p.m. to midnight at Rocky's, building 703. Rose Bowl begins at 5 p.m., Orange Bowl at 8 p.m. There is no charge. For more information, call 767-8715.

Jan. 2, 2009

- Watch as four-man teams race across the Newman Fitness Center Indoor Pool (building 439) in the **Cardboard Boat Regatta** beginning at 3 p.m. In addition to race completion, boats will be judged on originality. There is no charge. For more information, call 767-3031.

Hunter

Dec. 22

- Take the **3 on 3 Speedball**

Tournament (Paintball) played from 1-5 p.m. at Tominac Fitness Center, building 919. Paintball Tournament will be conducted in the center's Inflatable Speedball Course. Cost is \$5 per person. For more information, call 315-5078.

Dec. 28

- **Hayride and hot dog roast** begins 4 p.m. at Lotts Island Recreation Area. Join Outdoor Recreation for an old fashioned hot dog and marshmallow roast, hayride, story telling, and games. The cost is \$10 per Family. For more information, call 315-9554.

Dec. 29

- **Bocce Ball Tournament** begins 3 p.m. at Lotts Island Recreation Area. You could be the first Bocce Ball Champion at Hunter Army Airfield. There is no charge. For more information, call 315-9554.
- Join the **3 Person Sidewalk Art Competition** begins 11 a.m. at Lotts Island Recreation Area. Demonstrate your artistic ability by creating chalk art pictures with a Winter Wonderland theme. Judging begins at 4:30 p.m.
- Prizes awarded for most original and most unique drawings. There is no charge. For more information, call 315-9554.

Coastal Happenings

Courtesy of the Coastal Courier

Visit Pembroke Christmas Festival

Community members are invited to the annual Christmas Festival and Parade, Saturday in downtown Pembroke. Craft and food booths will be open for business from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Performances by choirs, solos, dancers and karate and exercise groups will be featured all day. Call to sign up your talent. Space is limited.

Bring your classic cars or motorcycles and join in the holiday celebration. Line up time for the parade is 10:30 a.m. Call 653-2231 if you would like to enter your classic auto/chopper. Prizes will be awarded for various categories. Call for entry form. Call the Bryan County 4-H Club, 653-2231 for more information.

There will also be a one mile run-walk and a five-mile race starting at 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., respectively at the Heritage Bank, 16 East Railroad St., Pembroke, Ga.

Enjoy the holidays at Davenport House

The Isaiah Davenport House Museum hosts holiday evening tours by candlelight 6-8:30 p.m., Dec. 26-30. The Davenport House is located at 324 East State St., Savannah – on the corner of Habersham and State streets at Columbia Square. The house museum explores the December celebrations of the early 19th century inhabitants. The cost for adults is \$8 for advance registration, \$10 at the door. For children ages 6 – 18-years-old, the cost is \$5 in advance or \$7 at door. For more information, call 236-8097 or e-mail jcredle@savbusiness.net.

Enjoy holiday open house

Community members are invited to tour the Coastal Living and Cottage Living Magazines 2008 Holiday Coastal Cottage at Yellow Bluff in Midway, Ga., through Sunday. Tickets are \$10 a person with proceeds to benefit local charities. In addition, a day of fun is planned at Lyman Hall on Shaw Road in Hinesville starting 1 p.m., Dec. 19 with a “Fishing with Santa” photo opportunity and cookie decorating, 1-5 p.m.; dancing in the streets by area dance companies,

2-3 p.m.; and holiday caroling, 1-5 p.m. Furthermore, a number of authors will be available, 1-5 p.m. for book signing including Betty Londergan, Holly McClure, Cappy Hall Rearick, Harry Rubin, Buddy Sullivan and Linda Whitten.

Glennville Christmas play slated

All I Want for Christmas Crown Productions presents the live musical at 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and 2 p.m., Sunday at the Glennville City Auditorium. This musical is about a little girl who wants everything for Christmas but soon realized that Christmas is for giving and not receiving.

For more information, call 654-3760. All proceeds go to the Glennville Recreation Department.

A Colonial Christmas

Visit Fort Morris State Historic Site this holiday season to partake in Christmas traditions of the Colonial period. Admission is free at the Fort Morris State Historic Site 5 - 8 p.m., Saturday for a special program entitled A Colonial Christmas.

Join Arts Council

The Hinesville Arts Council and Downtown development encourages community members to join them each Friday throughout the month of December for a winter-warming concert in the park featuring local Liberty County school choirs.

Check out whats happening downtown

The Hinesville Downtown Development Authority wants to keep community members informed of upcoming events of interest. The German restaurant, Zum Rosenhof, recently experienced a fire; however management wants everyone to know they plan to re- open by Christmas.

In addition, Gold Menders will hold a trunk show, featuring Personality Bead Jewelry 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Dec. 11 - 13 at 110 East Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. For more information about downtown happenings, call Vicki Davis at 877-HDDA(4332).

Enjoy Luminary Fun Night

Bring your kids and pets for pictures at the Luminary Fun Night with Santa 5 p.m., Dec. 20 at Skidaway Island State Park. Meet Santa then walk our enchanted luminary trail, do holiday arts and crafts and enjoy caroling on hayrides. There will be holiday treats, hot chocolate and warm cider while you explore our nature museum with wildlife, fossil exhibits and live animals. Cost is \$3 picture with Santa and \$3 parking. For more information call, 912-598-2300, or visit www.gastateparks.org.

Visit the Midway Museum for the holidays

The annual Christmas Tea and Open House at the Midway Museum, is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dec. 13. Admission is free. The Museum will be decorated in the holiday style of the Colonial Period. There will be tea, coffee and cookies served all day. This is great opportunity to not only visit the Museum, but the Historic Church and Colonial Cemetery.

Help keep the installation beautiful

In conjunction with the Keep America Beautiful “Bring One for the Chipper,” campaign, the Keep Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield Beautiful program, along with the Directorate of Public Works' Waste management section and the Fish and Wildlife Branch are asking residents to drop off their old Christmas trees, (minus decorations.)

Drop Off locations include the Fort Stewart Power Substation on Hero Road near the sewage plant and across from the ball field. The Hunter site is adjacent to Pond #29 (Oglethorpe Lake) near the Army ROTC building on McArthur St.

Signs will be posted at each location. Your trees will be used by the DPW Fish and Wildlife Branch to create fish attractors in our ponds and lakes and to establish brush pile habitats for quail and rabbit. For more information, please call 767-8880 and 767-6573. Christmas Tree collection dates are Dec. 26 through Jan. 9.

Calhoun, Liberty County Community Chorus performs Sunday

Special to the Frontline

The Liberty County Community Chorus, a singing division of the Liberty County Community and Area Mass Choir, will present a free concert for the community of Handel's Messiah at 3 p.m. Sunday afternoon at Brewton-Parker Auditorium off highway 84 in Hinesville. Several soloist from the area will be featured in the concert. This concert will be a highlight of the Christmas season and it will be directed by Ronald G. Calhoun. He founded the Calhoun Conservatory of Music in 1969 and has taught over 10,000 students worldwide. He is now retired as a teacher.

Calhoun gave music lessons and Master Classes at the Savannah Downtown campus of The School of Church Music which he founded in 2004 and in Hinesville before he returned to full time government serv-

ice as a US Park Ranger at Fort Pulaski National Monument in 2008. He has received recognition by the US Park Service Director and the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for his interpretive demonstrations and guided tours at Fort Pulaski National Monument as a result of letters being written to them by visitors to the park.

Calhoun made his debut singing over the radio at the age of four in 1951 and started piano lessons at 6. He was proclaimed as nothing less than a child prodigy, plays 12 instruments, and has focused on music throughout his entire life and studied coronet and directing with great musicians such as Otis H. Saeter who played with John Philip Sousa in the early 1900's.

He founded and directed The All-Europe Marching and Concert Band in Germany composed of active duty military, dependents, civilians and German Nationals and has received

numerous awards from the United States Armed Forces Europe and the U.S. when he served as a Community Recreation Specialist at Hahn Air Base in Germany in 1985.

Calhoun was selected as pianist, organist, music director, orchestra director or worship leader during his ministry in nine churches spanning seven denominations and is an ordained Ecumenical Minister sanctioned by three ministers in three different denominations.

Then in 1993, the music stopped -- he became legally blind. So this musician, composer and recording artist added a few more roles to his repertoire after repeated eye surgery to partially restore sight. His compositions were scheduled to appear in two Chinese Hymnals in 2005 as announced by the Chinese Christian Literature Council in Hong Kong which included "Emmanuel" that has

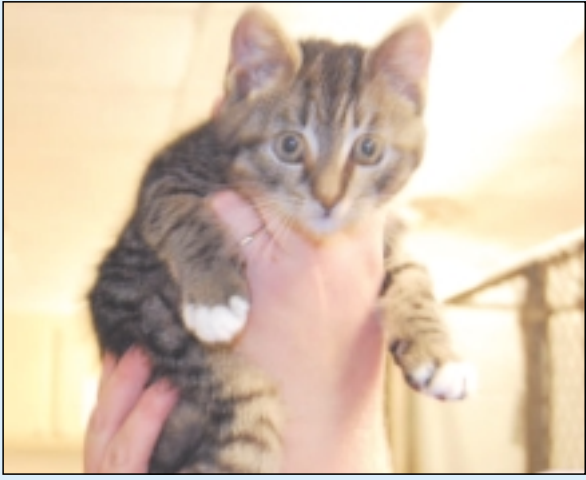
appeared in virtually every denominational hymnal.

And perhaps most importantly, this former music teacher, Lecturer and Dean of Studies at The School of Church Music in Savannah whose goal is to help smaller churches that can not afford to pay for a full-time musician, still drives over 100 miles a week to direct the Liberty County Community and Area Mass Choir that rehearses at the Brewton-Parker Auditorium in Hinesville. He founded this group of musicians and singers in 2003.

Calhoun served the First Presbyterian Church in Hinesville for ten years before he retired from music as a church music director in 2008.

His equivalent combinations of education and experience as it pertains to the qualification standards for the United States Government are Ph. D or equivalent doctoral degree in music and arts.

Pets of the Week



Jamie the cat and Freddie the dog are some of the many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter. The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes, and breeds in their care. If you are interested in adopting, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.



PRESENTS
TODAY THROUGH DEC 14

The Secret Life of Bees

Today — 7 p.m.
(Dakota Fanning, Queen Latifah)

Lily, a 14-year-old girl, is haunted by the memory of her late mother. To escape her lonely life and troubled relationship with her father, Lily flees with Rosaleen, her caregiver and only friend, to a South Carolina town that holds the secret to her mother's past. Taken in by the intelligent and independent Boatwright sisters, Lily finds solace in their mesmerizing world of beekeeping. *Rated PG-13 (thematic material, violence) 109 min*

Saw V

Friday — 7 p.m.
(Tobin Bell, Costas Mandylor)

Following Jigsaw's grisly demise, Mark, the final apprentice to the serial killer is deigned a hero. Meanwhile, Agent Strahm is tested and puts the pieces together. While Strahm realizes that Hoffman is helping Jigsaw, five seemingly unconnected people face a horrible lesson about teamwork. Strahm follows all the leads he can get off Hoffman, including the death of his sister and why he joined Jigsaw. Hoffman and Strahm circle each other until it boils down to a gruesome and bone-crushing finale. *Rated R (grisly bloody violence/ sadistic torture, language, nudity) 92 min*

FREE SHOWING

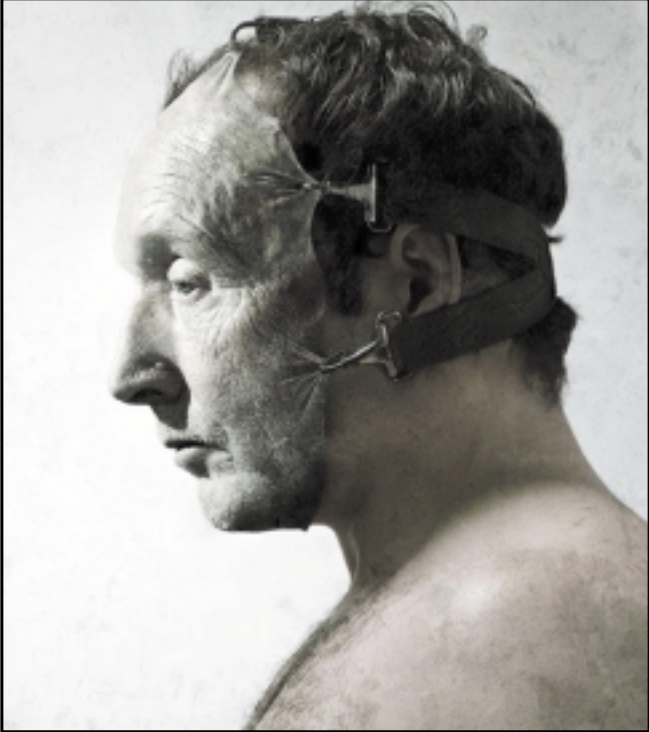
Saturday — 7 p.m

Role Models

Sunday — 3 p.m.
(Seann William Scott, Paul Rudd)

Danny and Wheeler, two salesmen who trash a company truck on an energy drink-fueled bender. Upon their arrest, the court gives them a choice: do hard time or spend 150 hours with a mentorship program. After

one day with the kids, however, jail doesn't look half bad. Once the center's ex-con director gives them an ultimatum, Danny and Wheeler are forced to tailor their brand of immature wisdom to their charges, Augie and Ronnie. And if they can just make it through probation without getting thrown in jail, the world's worst role models will prove that, sometimes, it takes a village idiot to raise a child. *Rated R (crude/sexual content, strong language, nudity) 99 min*



Films are subject to availability. AAFES strives to show films according to the published schedule but reserves the right to reschedule, cancel, or substitute showings as needed. For more information, call 767-3069.

Prepare for when trouble happens, not if

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Chap. (Capt) Darren Turner

1/30 Inf, 2nd BCT Chaplain

Ever wonder why bad, uncomfortable, trying times come into your life? You might wonder if something is wrong. If you or someone you know is experiencing that, it is par for the course. We are told in Scripture, "when troubles comes," and "when you go through the fires," it doesn't say if; it says when.

Many Soldiers are often baffled that life is not turning out like they had planned. And then the blame game starts, putting responsibility on whomever. What they have failed to realize is life is full of unplanned, undesired issues - It is guaranteed. The false plan for living life free of pain or discomfort falls wildly apart, and many find themselves hopeless and often helpless. The world they have constructed isn't working anymore, and they want something different. Different situations can cause crisis such as broken relationships, death, diseases, financial crises, broken promises or expectations.

It is at this point that some choose to seek help. When people begin looking outside themselves for

answers, help is available.

My role is to help explore what's going on, and to offer the person(s) a course of action for getting help and relief. You can seek your unit chaplain for assistance.

Are you prepared internally for life's curve balls? It's not what issues we face, but how we handle life's issues that define us. Avoiding them is unrealistic, running from them is cowardly, but facing them is courageous.

Have the courage to face them, acknowledge them, and wrestle with them. Spiritually equip yourself now for what's surely coming later.

Noah built his ark on sunny days, but when the wind and rains started, he was ready! He fully understood not if, but when.

Chapel Schedule

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Saturday Vigil Mass	Main Post Chapel	5 p.m.
Sunday Mass	Main Post Chapel	9 a.m.

Protestant

Contemporary Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	Main Post	11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	Marne	9 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	Heritage	11 a.m.
Kids' Church	Diamond Elementary	11 a.m.
PWOC (Wednesday)	Marne	9:30 a.m.

Islamic

Friday Jum'ah	Marne	1:30 p.m.
Contact Yahya Hassan at 876-5546.		

Jewish

Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 980-9295.		
Friday	Marne	11:30 a.m.

Latter-Day Saints

Sunday	220 Sandy Run Drive, Hinesville	9 a.m.
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Hunter Army Airfield

Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	11 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday Service	Chapel	9 a.m.

Kids Church

Where God rocks

10:45 a.m. to noon, Sunday
at Stewart School Age Services, across from
Diamond Elementary; or at Hunter Chapel
Fellowship Hall, Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

For all kids Grade K-5

Fort Stewart bus pick-up

10:15 a.m. - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

10:30 a.m. - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia, Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Main Post Chapel

For more information, email
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Fort Stewart Chapel Youth Ministry

Junior and Senior
High School Students!

Join us for
free games and pizza

Sunday • 6 to 8 p.m.

at the Stewart Youth Activity
Center, building 7338.

For more information,
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or
call 877-7207